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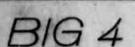
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other romance? Which planet is it, John, that causes romance in the life of a person? You must have been born under that. Your life has been check full of that sort of thing,

to my certain knowledge."

They were two gray-baired old chums, talking together. One of them not so very gray, for the reason that he was quite laid. John was the baid one, and the fact gave Sam inspiration for frequent jokes on John, from which he derived a perennial supply of fun. Sam's chiefest joke was to send, surreptitiously, to his rather sedate comrade and lifelong friend now and then a bottle of hair dressing, or a large comb, or recipes for removing superfluous hair, or any other thing by which he could ring the changes so this piece of annoyance.

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Sam would work all sorts of schemes to have the packages containing these articles sent from different and distant places, and John, in his serious way, would inform Sam about them, and would piteously complain to him of the annoyance they caused him through the poorly suppressed merriment that they occasioned among the several members of his family, his jolly wife, a grown son and three daughters, a lass of 15, and her two slightly older sisters.

Sam would mischievously condole with his friend, and would bring the matter up in the grand army post and masonic lodge to should heal.



which both belonged, with the pretended in-

tention of having steps taken to rescue the suffering member from the outrages. Of course John would expostulate with Sam for the over-weaning solicitude, but Sam's well-assumed indignation that his friend should be thus put upon could do no less than increase John's gratitude to Sam, while the post and lodge, being in the lobe also had upon could assume that the post and lodge, being in the lobe also had upon could assument. joke, also had much quiet amusement in the trick, poor old John being the uncon-

scious butt.

Continuing the conversation begun at the outset of this chronicle, John said:

"Yes, I have had my romances, but this last one is not mine, though I am inter-

"You remember that poor girl I brought back from Knoxville in the spring of '647' "Well, I should think I ought to remem-ber her. I've always thought she was the cause of your losing your hair, and—" "Never mind my hair, you blamed scamp." "I den't mind it. Nobody does. It ain't in anybody's way."

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'n anybody's way."
"Sam Nelson, I'll hurt you yet."
"Don't, John. But what about the gir!
Ehe's got over being a girl by this time."
"I should say she bad. She's well on the
way to being a grandmother."
"You don't say!"
"I just did say."
"How do you know!"
"Lemme tell you."
"That's what I'm waiting for."

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Before repeating what John now told Sam
it is necessary to say that the two were
members of the same Illinois regiment of infantry in East Tennessee in the winter of
1863-4, until after the campaign that involved
the siege of Knoaville, and that John's son
John was a soldier in the Cuban war, a hero
of Santragard. of Santiago and one of the invaders of Porto

After the siege of Knoxville had been ruised a large body of the federal troops fol-lowed Longstreet's retreat into Virginia as far as Strawberry Plains, Tenn., where the federals went into camp for some weeks in the most uncomfortable bivouse that was known in the history of the war. The weather was, for the most part, intensely cold, food was pitifully scarce, and what little there was was bread made from "sick wheat" and bad corn, and beef from a lot of unfed cattle that were so poor and thin and feeble that the butchers had to hold

them up to knock them down.

The pitiable herd was daily driven across a ditch, and those that were too weak to get over, and therefore fell in, were killed for food, while those that could get over were held as being able to live until the next killing time.

next killing time.
The men were half clad, in dirty, ragged

ciothes, and were without shelter, but there we wood enough to make big fires.

During this time occurred the famous 'Cold New Year's day," January 1, 1864, remembered all over the country as the coldest day that has ever been recorded in the

thited States.

It was on that day that John Saxton—
the John now bald, that these chronicles
have been speaking of—then a duty sergennt, brought into camp a girl of 15 or 16 years whom he had found, almost starved and frozen, in a cabin among the bleak hills. Her mother lay dead on the one miserable bed in the cabin; the father, Tom Mariey, had been killed a year before in the confederate army, and the girl was too weak to leave the place alone, and there she, ten, would soon have died of spid and star

The foraging party, of which Sergt. John Seaton had charge, wrapped the girl up as lest they could in some rough sacks and John's deplorably ranged overcoat and thaced her in one of the way as that was partly louded with cornfolds and other forage. They day a shallow grave in the dirt floor of the cabin, buried the dead woman there and took the girl into camp.

John Saxton appointed himself Samantha

Well.

Warn't he, John ?"

Never mind about that. My John has captured Samantha's daughter down there, and he says that country's good enough for him—'wano,' whatever that is. But he's country long about Christinas for a visit, and he wants us to dig up the best dinner we can for New Year's day, the day be expects to strike us."

"Sort of a nine-strike, wen't it be John?"

John Saxton appointed himself Samentha .Markey's guardian, and upon the arrival of the party at camp the was carried to the only tent in all the visit entangment. The tent belonged to a stray sutler who was there by means the outside of which are not necessary to this record. With the eather was his wife, a husby woman who was plays it ally the superior of her bushand. This canvas abode and shop was kept comfortable by means of a sheet from store, and in the sutler's stock were canned goods of stormous price. But the sutler and his wife screed to take care of the girl at an expense to John Saxton that was little less than frightful. He bore it herocally, however—money being far more plentiral than any other desirable thing—during the two weeks that ensued until John's regiment was ordered back to Knosville.

The day after the arrival of the regiment

The day after the arrival of the regiment at Knoaville Sergt Saxton found himself promoted to be a second lieutenant, the command having lost heavily in the cam-paign. Many vacancies had occurred among he officers, and the regiment, which had veteranized," very much needed filling up-to, added to John's honors, was a detail to Samantha was now as healthy a girl as

there was i., East Tennessee, and the was exceedingly pretty, withal. Besides, she had good native wit and as much cultivation as he country schools of her region were able

went back to the army with his recruits

Meantime Samantha's beauty and vivacity had made her a much sought belle of the countryside, and John was aware of a pang when he found that she was not near so af-

when he found that she was not near so af-fectionate as when he went away.

On an adjoining place was a dark-skinned, handsome fellow, working as a farm hand, who had already begun to dread the coming cold weather, for he had been "born and raised" in the ardent climate of Porto Rico. Moreover, this handsome young West In-dian, with the musical name of Jose Rodriguez, had become deeply enamored of the tronze-haired Tennessee girl, and she re-turned his passionate suit with such fervor-that when Jose took his departure for his Samantha's place in the Saxton household became vacant. She went with him, and John was left with a great blank place in his became vacant. She went with him, and John was left with a great blank place in his loving soul to meditude upon the paneity of gratitude and the enormousness of fickleness in the maiden heart—so far as he was informed.

Something about his little as a tramp.

"I am not a tramp naturally," the man said. "I was a gentleman once, years ago, and was in love with a girl, but—"

"Well!" exclaimed Miss Benson, "what there" something about the guest moved her strangely.

but in the years that same he found one that he loved with better reason, and he was good that the other affair turned out as it

did.
"I was homely," said John, "and growing bald already, and so I didn't sait poor fittle Semantha, but I hope she will be happy."
"John succeeded to the ownership of half of his father's farm, and a thriving village grew upon one of the quarter sections of the two sections that were willed to his sisters, who seems that were willed to his sisters, who are yet wholesome matrons in the vil-lage, wives of well-to-do merchants there

progeny.

John's son John is s gallant fellow of 24, and he was brought up half town boy and half farm boy—an excellent combination,

volunteer troops that were sent by our "Uncle Samuel" to teach the Spaniards some lessons in humanity. He seemed born to repeat his father's course in many ways and to improve on it in others, for he, too, was a sergeant who brilliantly won shoulder straps of single bars. He got his, however, at El Caney, Morcover, while on detail with a detachment near Ponce, Porto Rico,



ALMOST STARVED AND PROZEN.

and while resting with his command at a picturesque waynide inn, Lieut. John, Jr., was agreeably astonished when addressed in somewhat mixed United States, by the rotund matron of the establishment. She celled him "Offisair Saxtone." She had asked one of the soldiers the name of their commander, and he had simply replied: "Sax-

Quickly it all come out. She was the om Samantha Marley, the war-waif of Tenpesse, and she had a lovely daughter whose name was Lucia. Samantha's mother's name was Lucy and Jose's mother's name was Lucite, so Lucia was a compro-

Taking up again the conversation between John, Sr., and Sam Neison, John suid: Well, this is the how of it, Sam. That John of mine has run acrost a pooty gyrd down there in Porty Reeka, and her name is Lucy—what was that blame dago's name that run away with Samantha?—er—er—"
"Why, Rodygay—and he was gay, too. Warn't he, John?"
"Naver mind about that. My John has

"Well, sorter, Sam. But I want to tell cou that there ain't nothin' too good for them hoys that's comin' back from thet nasty war—mine among the rest—and John and his Lucy will get a dinner worth eatin' if this farm and Chicago can furnish the truck."

And me, John?" "Oh, you and the others will be there, if you promise not to fetch any hair-fixin's!" WILLIAM ZIGHTFOOT VISSCHER.

#### A Cramp's New Year's Feast

EW YEAR'S day was a great event with Margaret Beason. In the first place, it was her birthday, and on that day, too, she and Dick Som-met and had tailen in love with each other. A year of happy companionship tollowed, and on the next New Year's day they became formally engaged. Little tokens peaced from one to the other, Margaret receiving a handsome ring, giving Dick in re-turn a little golden medallion on which was

an appropriate inscription.

New Year's day having played so impor tant a part in their lives, the wedding day was set for that date the following year. But the death of Margaret's father caused a postponement, and instead of a wedding there was a lovers' quarrel over some trifling, ally matter. Dick left the house in anger, Each thought the other at fault and that a reconciliation would take place in a few days. But Dick was stubborn and Margaret seluctant to take the initiative. Thus it happened that Dick, more incensed than ever, went away. He told no one where he was going.

Mr. Benson had left his daughter rich.
For a time she brooded over Dick's absence,
but finally settled down into the quiet life
of an old maid. As time passed she grew
eccentric, and, though always benevolent
and charitable, she took the oddest ways of
doing her good work. She made New Year's
a great day and had the strangest assortment

of people call on her, to whom she gave the best of dinners.

Dick had been absent 11 years. As the favorite holiday came around, Miss Benson conceived a new idea. She had a big eard printed and hung it outside her door on the morning of the First. It read:

TRAMPS WELCOME TO-DAY. GOOD NEW YEAR'S DINNER. COME IN

The Weary Waggles', the Dusty Rhodes' and the Ragged Raggles' all feasted that'day. Along in the middle of the forencen there might have been seen a man in front of the house reading, in some wonder, the invitation. He quickly walked away, but soon after another tramp applied for admittance. Mist Benson not only fed her strange guest, but she entertained him with conversation. She asked him about his life as a tramp. "I am not a tramp anaturally," the man

her strangely. "Oh, nothing; we quarreled; I was a stub born fool and went away to South America. I received a blow on the head and wantered

about all over the world, until, a few month ago, I recovered."

ago, I recovered."

"Have you found that girl, or don't you care for her any more?" asked Miss Benson, in a strange voice.

"I am looking for her now," was the reply, "and when I find her I will show her this," and the tramp pulled from his pocket a golden medallion.

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"Margaret!" cried the tramp, and, throwing off his false whakers, Dick Somers and Margaret were clasped in each other's arms. They decided to give Fate no chance to meddle again with their affairs; they must be married on New Year's day; a year was too long to wait, so the New Year's feast for tramps was turned into a wedding supper for two loving bearts, separated already too long.

"I'm going to let my office boy take a day off right along from the first of the year." "That seems strange."
"Not in the least. It's his business to tear

the leaves from my calendar pad."-N. Y.

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J. OKEH. Cashier

#### Stockholders' Meeting.

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